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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

NOW HIRING: Texas CEF is now hiring for 2 open positions: an Accounting Administrative Assistant and a Loan Associate. Each position is important to the work we do and provides an opportunity for someone with strong financial skills, attention to detail, organization, and a heart for ministry to serve alongside our amazing teams. Please share these positions with the members of your congregation. Learn more

Y4Life & YA for Life Conference & March for Life: Registration is open for the FREE Y4Life and YA For Life Conference and March for Life in Washington, D.C., happening January 21st-23rd, 2027! Meet other students and life leaders from across the nation at this mountaintop event! Not only will participants learn more about life issues and take part in the March, but by registering through Lutherans For Life, leaders also receive a discount on hotel rooms and guided opportunities at the March. Learn more

The Next Season of School Ministry in Texas: We are excited to announce that Corey Moss has accepted the call as Director of School Ministry at the Texas District. We thank God for the amazing work of Dr. Hinz and look forward to Corey joining the district team. You can read the formal announcement on the Texas District website: Learn more

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

Pray for those in need of guidance, affirmation, healing, relief, and assurance.

Prayer Requests

- **Mrs. Wanda Gruhn, widow of Rev. Michael Gruhn (Em., Lubbock) //** passing of husband, Mike
- **Rev. Dr. Robert Preece (Em., Dallas) //** passing of wife, Linda
- **Mrs. Dacia Reinke, wife of Rev. Dr. John Reinke (Texas District BMA, Round Rock) //** recovering from leg surgery, following a cycling accident

- **Rev. Tom Thierfelder (St. Paul, Bishop / St. Paul, Kingsville) //** recovery from back surgery
- **Rev. Eddie Torea (Cand., Plano) //** entered hospice

New Calls

(Note: Revisions to this list may be delayed so that calling congregations may announce updates to their members prior to districtwide publication.)

Ordained

Accepted
Rev. David Murillo // Sr., St. Paul, San Antonio to Sr., St. Luke, Dix Hills, NY

Declined
Rev. Jared Melius // Sr., Mt. Zion, Denver, CO to Assoc., St. Paul, Austin

Undecided
Rev. Lonnie Gonzales // Assoc., Trinity, Houston to Sr., Faith, Georgetown
Rev. Ben Prohl // Assoc., Trinity, Tyler to Assoc., Lamb of God, Humble
Rev. Richard Turner // Em., El Campo to Sole, St. John's, Wharton

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Funerals

Mrs. Linda J. Preece, wife of Rev. Dr. Robert Preece (Em., Dallas), was called to glory on September 18, 2026. Her memorial service will be held October 31, 10:00 a.m. at Zion, Dallas (6121 E Lovers Ln). Her burial rite will be November 2, 10:00 a.m. at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery (Hancock Cemetery) in Austin. Please keep Pastor Preece and Linda's family and friends in your prayers.

Rev. Eduardo J. Torea (Cand., Plano) was called to glory on October 21, 2026. His funeral details are pending. Please keep Eddie's wife, Lorena, sons, Joshua and Alan, and his family and friends in your prayers.

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Texas Messenger // October: Read the latest from the leaders of the Texas District what's happening around Texas, through faithful congregations, mission efforts, and individuals. Read more

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